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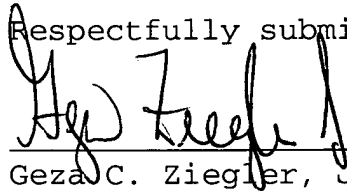
1. Claims 26, 36, 56, 58, 130, 139, 161, 192 and 198 are amended. Claims 62-81, 164-183, 202-205 and 209 are cancelled without prejudice.

2. The Applicant elects the claims 36-57 and 139-160 (Group II as identified by the Examiner) for further prosecution. Claims 26, 58, 130, 161, 192 and the claims dependent therefrom are amended to be part of elected Group II.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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